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Syria complains to U.N. about Israeli nuclear spying device

UNITED NATIONS, April 18 (R). — Syria today complained to the United Nations that Israelis fixed a booby-trapped, nuclear-powered radio set to Syria's telephone link with Jordan last month, an apparent reference to an incident in which 12 people were reported killed. Syrian Charge d'Affaires Taher Al Hussami, in a letter to the U.N. security council president, said the incident occurred on the main road from Damascus to Der'a near the Jordanian border but did not mention casualties.

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Dayan held secret meeting with Hammami, claims Israeli press

AVIV, April 18 (R). — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan held a secret meeting with a close adviser of President Sadat months before the Egyptian leader made his landmark visit to Jerusalem on November 19, Israeli newspapers said today. Officials declined to comment on reports, which followed a disclosure by Mr. Dayan last September, that he had interrupted a visit to the United States last September to meet a prominent Arab official. Dayan gave no clue to the Arab's identity but newspapers said he was Hassan Tohami.

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Nablus students go on strike

AVIV, April 18 (R). — The town in the occupied Bank of the Jordan -- closed today as students demonstrated for the third straight day against continued Israeli presence in the town. Youngsters refused to attend school and gathered outside shouting anti-Israel slogans and throwing stones at passing vehicles. Israeli security forces entered the town when the Arab people tried to march on the main street. A number of arrests were made.

Sadat sends message to Carter Atherton to resume M.E. shuttle Friday

CAIRO, April 18 (Agencies). — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance held a 90-minute meeting at Cairo airport with Egyptian Foreign Minister Mohamed Ibrahim Kamel early today to discuss the Middle East situation. Mr. Vance, stopping in Cairo briefly on his way from Southern Africa to London, brought no new U.S. proposals with him. Mr. Kamel told reporters later. But Mr. Kamel said U.S. ambassador-at-large Alfred Atherton, the chief American Middle East negotiator, would come to Cairo on Friday for talks. Mr. Atherton returned to Washington on March 10 after a diplomatic shuttle between Egypt and Israel to try to reconcile the two sides on the wording of a declaration of principles to govern a peaceful Middle East settlement. In Washington, a State Department spokesman said Mr. Atherton's return was not prompted by any single development, adding: "We want to explore with both parties any proposals for getting round present difficulties."

The U.S. envoy was expected to spend several days in Egypt before going on to Israel and then returning to the United States by the end of this month. Mr. Kamel said he and Mr. Vance discussed the situation in Lebanon and the importance of the Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon which must be completed as soon as possible.

Message to Carter

Meanwhile, President Sadat has sent a written message to President Carter concerning efforts for a Middle East peace settlement.

The message is in answer to one from Carter reportedly containing American proposals aimed at restarting Egyptian-Israeli negotiations.

"The ball is now in the American and Israeli camps," Egyptian Ambassador to Washington Ashraf Ghorbal told newsmen before leaving for the United States with the message today.

He had brought Mr. Carter's letter to Mr. Sadat March 29 when he came to Cairo for consultations.

Mr. Ghorbal's comment came amid unconfirmed reports that President Sadat would shortly take measures "to give new impetus" to the peace initiative he launched by his visit to Israel Nov. 19-22.

National Security Council to be summoned?

The government newspaper Misr reported today that President Sadat will shortly convene Egypt's National Security Council, the country's highest policy-making body, to review latest developments on Middle East peace moves.

It said the council will discuss three reports, one by War Minister Gen. Mohammed Abdul Ghanem about his recent talks with Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman -- who visited Egypt last month -- and on the military situation in general.

The second report, the newspaper said, would be on present efforts to convene a summit conference to restore Arab solidarity.

The third report would deal with American-Israeli talks and "the opposition of American public opinion to the policy of (Israeli Premier Menachem) Begin towards the peace process," Misr said.

The newspaper, organ of the ruling Arab Socialist Party, said the National Security Council would meet after President Sadat's return from his present tour of Upper Egypt.

But presidency officials termed the report as "more speculation."

Israel agrees to new pullback from Lebanon

NAQOURA, Israeli occupied Lebanon, April 18 (Agencies). — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim won Israeli agreement today to carry out a further withdrawal from south Lebanon in two weeks, qualified Israeli sources said.

The next pullback would leave Israeli forces 10 kms. inside Lebanon, holding roughly half the territory they occupied in the March 15 invasion, the sources said.

The Israelis promised the withdrawal after Dr. Waldheim gave defence Minister Ezer Weizman assurances that the U.N. peace-keeping force in south Lebanon would be strengthened in weapons and manpower and be given freedom to stop Palestinian guerrillas returning to the area, the sources said.

The extent of the evacuation was worked out between Lt. Gen. Ennio Sillarsuo, Commander of U.N. forces in the Middle East, and Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, Israeli new chief of staff, the sources added.

Gen. Sillarsuo and Gen. Eytan met after Dr. Waldheim talked with Israeli leaders and inspected U.N. peace-keeping troops in Lebanon.

The U.N. secretary general drove from Naqura to the French U.N. post at Maalliyah at the Tyre crossroads. At Maalliyah, he was met by an officer of the Palestine Liberation Organisation. The procession then drove to the Tyre barracks, stopping briefly in front of the Rashidiyah refugee camp on the way.

Dr. Waldheim told reporters at the refugee camp his talks with Israeli leaders earlier today had been good. Premier Menachem Begin and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan promised that Israel would eventually pull out all its forces from the area it invaded last month.

The U.N. chief said Mr. Yasser Arafat had promised to co-operate with the U.N. troops. Commando sources said the Palestinian leader had agreed to the presence of two U.N. observers at Beaufort Castle, north of the Litani River.

Dr. Waldheim said the U.N. interim force could be increased from 4,000 to 6,000.

Assad in New Delhi to build bridges with India

NEW DELHI, April 18 (R). — President Hafez Assad of Syria arrived here today on his first visit to India to confer with Indian leaders.

Mr. Assad, who will stay here for six days, said he attached great importance to his visit "in view of the links that bind our two countries and the current critical developments in the Asian countries."

Indian President Neelam Sanjiva Reddy and Prime Minister Morarji Desai received President Assad at Delhi Airport this evening when he flew in by a special aircraft.

The Syrian leader is the first Arab head of state to meet Mr. Desai since he took office a year ago.

Indian Foreign Ministry officials say the visit is likely to strengthen ties between India and the Arab World. In the past few years there has been little personal contact at the top level between the Indian and Arab leaders except at international conferences. The Syrian delegation includes Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, Minister for Economy and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohammad Al Imadi and presidential political adviser Dr. Abih Daoudy.

Two agreements are expected to be concluded during the Syrian president's stay in the Indian capital. One is likely to be on trade and another on civil aviation.

Panama Canal treaty threatened by 3 wavering Senators

WASHINGTON, April 18 (R). — A crucial vote in the U.S. Senate tonight was thrown into doubt by three senators wavering on whether to support a controversial treaty turning over the Panama Canal to the Panamanian Republic at the end of the century.

Rejection of the treaty would be a stunning foreign policy setback for President Carter, who has put his prestige on the line in urging its passage.

The first of two new canal treaties, establishing the canal's permanent neutrality, was approved on March 16 by 68 votes to 32 -- one vote more than the required two-thirds majority of the 100-member Senate.

The loss of only two "aye" votes tonight would defeat the second treaty, which cedes the canal to Panama in the year 2000.

Senate leaders introduced a reservation to the treaty today assuring Panama that the United States did not seek to intervene in its internal affairs.

It was designed to calm Panamanian anger over a reservation to the neutrality treaty claiming U.S. rights to take military action to keep the canal open after the year 2000, even to the extent of countering strikes.

The original reservation, proposed by Arizona Democrat Dennis DeConcini, caused a storm of protest in Panama.

The language introduced today, worked out by Senate leaders in delicate negotiations with Senator DeConcini and Panama, states that any U.S. action shall be only to keep the canal "open, secure, neutral and accessible."

The action, it states, "shall not have as its purpose nor be interpreted as a right of intervention in the internal affairs of the Republic of Panama or interference with its political independence or sovereign integrity."

A vote on the new language was scheduled for later today, prior to the final vote on the treaty.

Senate democratic leader Robert Byrd told members that Panama had accepted the language as "a dignified solution to a difficult problem."

Agreement on the language cleared the way for Senator DeConcini to vote for the treaty.

Message announcing Moro's execution thought to be a hoax

April 18 (R). — A message in the name of the Red Cross announced today that the body of kidnapped former President Ferdinand Marcos was at the hands of an Italian lake. Investigators found the body completely frozen over, a prominent Christian Democrat, Deputy Party Secretary Remo Gaspari, went to the lake in the Apennines, about 160 kms. north of Rome, and told reporters he had "some reasonable" doubts about the message, saying the lake was with ice. It would be difficult for Moro's body to be left there.

Police said they found some prints in the snow but could not identify them. Inhabitants of the area said the tracks could have been made by wolves, foxes or wild boars.

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World News Roundup...

Information ministers of 'opposition' states meet in Algiers

ALGER, April 18 (R). — Information ministers of Arab states met in the hard-line "resistance front", opposed to President Sadat's peace initiative, were told at a conference here today. The Arab world had to choose between surrender and resistance, Algerian Information and Culture Minister Redha Kik said in his opening speech that since the visit of President Sadat to Jerusalem last year "an unprecedented breach has been made in the Arab liberation struggle."

George Habash visits Cuba

HAVANA, April 18 (R). — George Habash, leader of the radical PFLP, is visiting Cuba in response to an official invitation, PFLP sources disclosed today. Dr. Habash, believed to be making his first trip to Cuba, arrived in Havana a few days ago. No details on the purpose or duration of the Cuban visit were revealed.

Zia Ul Haq in Jeddah

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia, April 18 (R). — Pakistan's military ruler Zia Ul Haq arrived in Jeddah today after two days of talks with King Khaled Ibn Abdulaziz and Crown Prince Fahd. He is expected to fly home tomorrow after visiting holy places Mecca and Medina. Well-informed sources said he asked for financial aid after briefing King Khaled on Pakistan's economic problems.

U.S. flew arms to Angola claims Pieter Botha

CAPE TOWN, April 18 (R). — U.S. aircraft flew arms to South African bases in Angola during the civil war there, Defence Minister Pieter Botha told parliament today. "I was there myself and I saw how the arms were offloaded," the minister said. It was the second time in two days that he had returned to the question of South African and United States involvement in the Angola civil war of 1975-76.

Oman's border problem nearly solved

KUWAIT, April 18 (R). — Oman's border dispute with the emirate of Ras Al Khaimah is near to solution, Oman's ambassador here said today. The envoy, Mr. Qassem Al Gamali, did not elaborate when he talked to reporters after a meeting with Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry Under-secretary Rashid Al Rashid.

Supreme Court bars release of Watergate tapes

WASHINGTON, April 18 (AP). — The U.S. Supreme Court Tuesday barred public release of the 30 White House tape recordings played at the Watergate trial of aides to former President Richard M. Nixon. The court's decision reversed a 1976 ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals that would have made the tapes available to the three commercial television networks, public television and a recording company planning to sell copies of the tapes for home use.

Georgia and Armenia to keep their national languages

MOSCOW, April 18 (R). — Communist leaders in Soviet Georgia and Armenia, apparently bowing to strong public pressure, have abandoned plans to drop constitutional guarantees on the use of their national languages. Official reports reaching here today from the two Caucasian republics said final versions of their new constitutions retained clauses which establish Georgian and Armenian as the respective state tongues.

Armed rightists patrol Beirut

BEIRUT, April 18 (R). — Rightwing gunmen began patrolling Christian districts of Beirut today as a political row developed over the shelling of a Christian suburb by Syrian peace-keeping troops last week.

Bashir Gemayel, commander of the rightist militias, said his forces were mounting 24-hour patrols in unmarked cars because the government could no longer guarantee the security of the Maronite Christian communities.

Mr. Gemayel told Reuters: "We cannot rely on the government or the authorities any more, and we cannot rely on the Syrians. We are obliged to take care of ourselves."

The security forces announced that two gendarmes were shot dead by unidentified gunmen on the main road between Christian east Beirut and the Muslim west of the city today.

The statement said the gunmen opened fire after being asked to produce their identity papers and then escaped.

The appearance of the militia patrols followed bitter rightwing condemnation of the conduct of the predominantly Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) in recent heavy fighting.

The ADF used tanks, rockets and mortars to stop the clashes between militias in the Christian sector of Ain Rummaneh and the neighbouring Muslim district of Shiyah.

Correspondents who toured the shell-torn frontline during the fighting reported that in the latter stages, the ADF fire was directed almost exclusively at Ain Rummaneh.

Rightwing sources said 20 Christians were killed and more than 200 wounded in the five-day battle. Independent estimates put the total casualties at 50 dead and 250 wounded.

Mr. Gemayel said the Lebanese government and the ADF must share responsibility for the devastating attacks on the district.

The 30,000-strong deterrent force, which has supervised security in most of the Lebanon

since the civil war ended in November, 1976, is under the formal control of the government.

Tension has been running high between the rightist militias and the Syrians since they clashed in heavy fighting in east Beirut last February.

Mr. Gemayel said his militia command decided last night to mount patrols to ensure the security of citizens and to "preserve the sanctity of their areas."

"It is not a challenge to the authorities," he said. "It is simply a matter of survival. We cannot live in a jungle."

There has been no official reaction to the move.

Mr. Gemayel denied a report in a local leftwing newspaper that masked men had set up checkpoints and roadblocks in east Beirut last night.

He said: "We are not returning to the old system of putting up barricades in the

street. We are simply sending out discreet but effective patrols to protect our people and their premises."

Parliamentary Speaker Kamel As'ad today discussed the aftermath of last week's fighting with rightwing leaders who have called for an official investigation.

He later chaired an expanded meeting of heads of the parliamentary blocs.

An official statement said a follow-up session would be held on Thursday.

Mr. Gemayel's father, Pierre, leader of the powerful Phalange Party, said yesterday: "I believe mistakes were made by Lebanon and Syria alike, and an investigation would benefit both."

After meeting Interior Minister Salah Salameh, Mr. Gemayel senior told reporters: "I repeated to the minister what I have told the press before: that we need a just tyrant."

Syria won't tolerate strife in Lebanon

DAMASCUS, April 18 (AP). — Syrian Defence Minister Maj. Gen. Mustafa Tlas warned in a speech here yesterday that Syrian troops would allow no party in Lebanon to rekindle the nation's civil war.

Gen. Tlas warned both Muslim and Christian communities in Lebanon that the Syrians would tolerate no "threats to Lebanon's security because this would endanger Syria's own security."

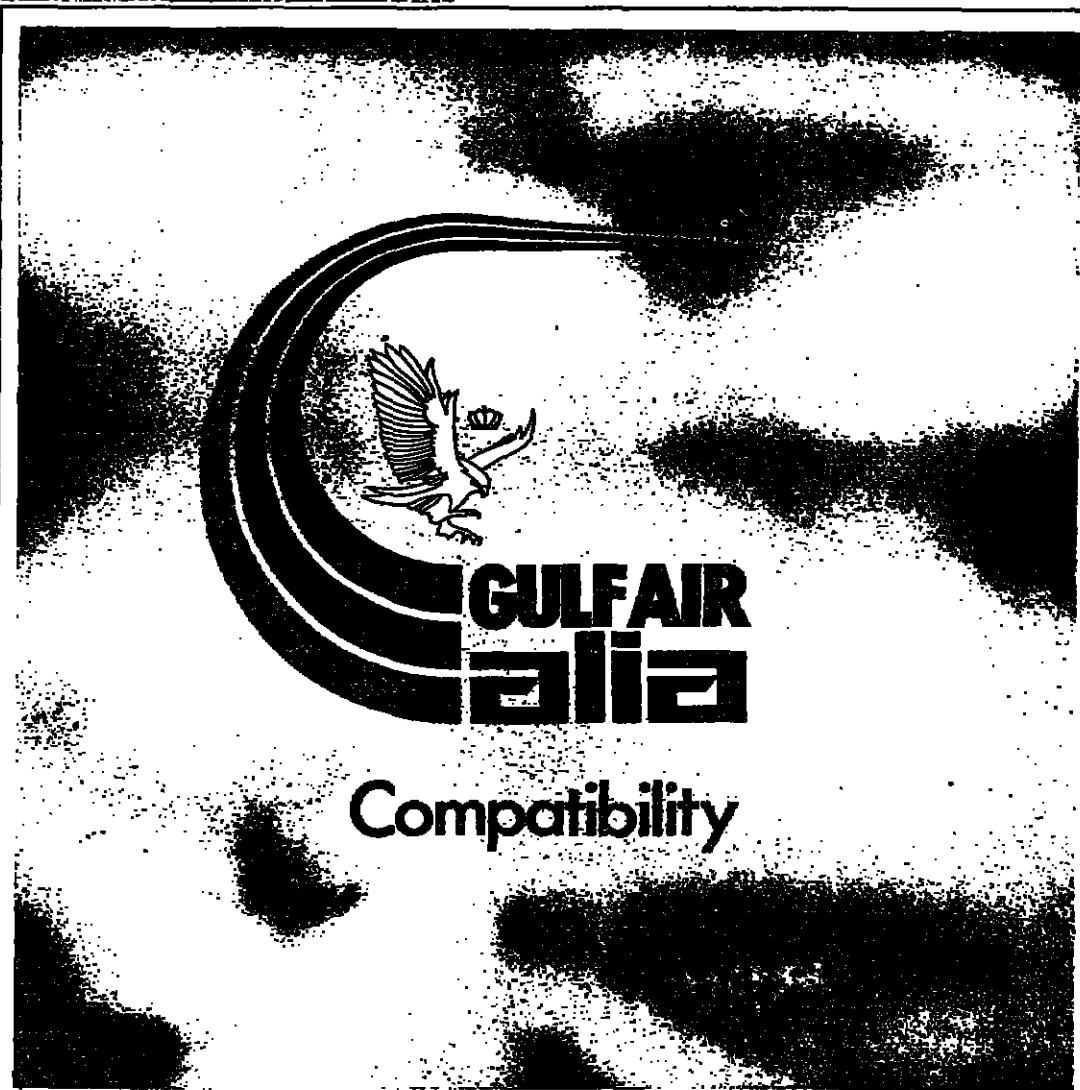
"Let all know in Lebanon that Syria's policy has not changed," Gen. Tlas said. "We are against any side that provokes trouble and starts shooting... We shall never allow

trouble to occur in neighbouring Lebanon because this would pose a threat to Syria's own security and stability."

Gen. Tlas charged that Israel invaded south Lebanon last month to "lure the Syrian army into a premature" Middle East war.

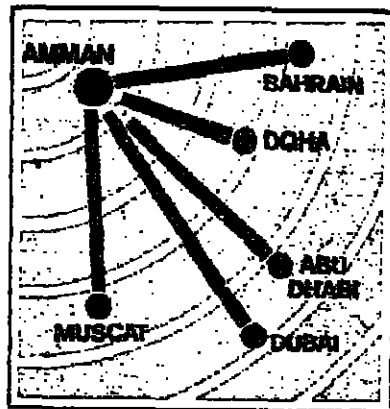
"When Syria did not fall in the trap, imperialists used their agents to provoke an internal strife in Beirut... hoping Syria would not intervene on the grounds the situation was too risky and complicated," he said.

He said one purpose of last month's invasion was to drive guerrillas northward and plunge them into power struggles with the Lebanese.



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More from the PR machinery

The Israelis have to be watched closely when they think they are being clever, and this week they are trying to be clever. The weekly cabinet meeting under Israeli Premier Menachem Begin issued a statement Sunday saying the government of Israel was prepared to discuss implementing U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 on all fronts and through negotiations with all neighbouring Arab states. Presumably -- even though history shows that it is dangerous to presume anything when Israel is concerned -- this means the Begin government is prepared to discuss a withdrawal from the West Bank and Gaza.

But after saving this, the Begin government adds that it feels its proposals for "self-rule" in the West Bank and Gaza are sufficient and positive, so we are left with an extraordinary contradiction that would be recognised for what it is -- a huge farce -- if it were the work of anyone else but the sacrosanct state of Israel. The Israelis still feel their proposals for the West Bank and Gaza are in conformity with the demands of Resolution 242, a contention that has been flatly and openly rejected by almost every political and national leader in the world who has taken the time to make a public comment on the matter. The fact is that the Begin proposals for self-rule and the demands of 242 are totally contradictory, as the Israeli proposals assume a lingering if modified Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza, while 242 is based on the principle of a full Israeli territorial withdrawal, the non-acquisition of territory by force and the willingness of all people in the region to recognise the territorial integrity of all states in the area.

The latest Israeli talk of applying 242 to the West Bank and Gaza is a public relations stunt, and not a very good one at that.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Commenting on His Majesty King Hussein's statements to a visiting delegation from the U.S. National War College AL RAY Tuesday endorsed Jordan's unchanging and unwavering attitude towards a Middle East peace settlement, namely full execution of the U.N. Resolution 242 and 338. As well as his, the newspaper adds, King Hussein also explained Jordan's present efforts aimed at building up Arab strength and restoring inter-Arab relations on a sound and practical basis.

Amid the King's pan-Arab efforts, the government yesterday published provisions of the law setting up the National Consultative Council.

A quick look at the law, the newspaper says, reveals the "extent of the close organic adhesion between King Hussein's directives to his prime minister on the formation of the consultative council and the responsive portrayal of these directives in the provisions of the law."

Taking up the setting up of the consultative council from a democratic point of view AL DUSTOUR says that democracy originally stems from two virtues enshrined "in our religion, heritage and traditions, namely modesty and tolerance". Modesty imposes upon man to admit that however intelligent he may be, he is liable to err. It also teaches that people of a country have the right to partake in building it up and shaping its presence towards opposing viewpoints and advises on abiding by the great majority of opinion. Summing up, the newspaper welcomes publication of the consultative council's law and hopes it will exhibit Jordan's true democratic visage.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Children's Books Exhibit

The third exhibition of children's books is open daily till Friday at the King Hussein Club on Jabal Amman.

Ceramics and Painting Exhibit

The joint exhibition of ceramics and pottery is on show daily at the British Council till Friday.

Film

The Goethe Institute is showing a film entitled "Sternstein-hof," subtitled in English, at 8:00 p.m.

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May floral exhibition will show Jordan's burgeoning interest in a late blooming hobby

By Fawzia Mzi
 and Najmeh Baig
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 18 — Rejoice, flower-lovers! Here is the opportunity to bring forth your talents. All are welcome to participate in the upcoming flower arrangement show opening on May 4th under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Zayn at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel.

Flower arrangement is a late blooming hobby in Amman. It has been growing slowly but steadily, gathering new adepts especially in the past six years, thanks to the Yearly Flower Show organised by the YWCA in Amman.

The Yearly Flower Show, now a regular major event for floral fans in Amman, budded 6 years ago as a "Treasure of Old" display! Ladies at the YWCA selected "ancient treasures" such as antique vases or desks, arranged them with flowers and held a show. It was so unexpectedly successful that the YWCA determined to repeat the experiment which then blossomed into a yearly event.

Since then, a contest of flower arrangement has been held each spring. Participants would bring their material along and work on their creations on the spot within a specified time. Then the works, bearing only numbers, would be displayed and judged. The results used to be announced during a following tea party beside the swimming-pool of the Intercontinental.

However, this year, the Yearly Flower Show is turning a new leaf. The event will be only an "exhibition" and not a competition. This should encourage more would-be participants to exhibit without fear of being a loser -- and it has indeed, judging by the applications the YWCA has received up till now! In addition, the participants will be able to exhibit their creations at home and bring them in afterwards.



Easter Arrangement.
 A first prize winner in 1977.



Aqaba Collage.
 From the 1974 Yearly Flower Show.



Potted plants on display in the 1974 show.

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Another first prize winner, 1977.
 Spring in Jordan Valley.

wood, pebbles, shells in an original arrangement will bring you By The Shore, Flowers and foliage as hangings or wall arrangements will provide A Variation in Space. The human touch as A Token of Love, Get Well Soon or On The Desk of The Boss will be felt in A Special Occasion. The material for A Picnic in Jordan will have to be picked from Jordan's countryside. Finally, in A Scene from the Country Side, school-children will work individually or as a team to produce artistic representations of Farm Life or A Harvest Scene.

The Oriental art of flower arrangement or Ikebana, as the Japanese call it, may be utilised in any of these sections. This sophisticated art being not too well known in Amman, the YWCA has decided not to give it a special section as in past years.

You will also tour Jordan in full bloom and discover Jordan's wild flowers presented by the Department of Agriculture of the University of Jordan. The tour will continue Around The World in Flowers with exhibits by different airlines. And if you're only a novice in flower arrangement, you'll find in the Educational Section what you need to know about soil, gardening tools and flower arrangement equipment. And if you're lucky, you may even see a live demonstration of flower arrangement.

Interest in flowers burgeoned in the past few years. Flower shops have multiplied in Amman, an exhibition of artificial flowers was held by the Young Women's Moslem Association flower floats paraded for the Silver Jubilee last year and Jordan has participated for four years running now in the "Annual International Flower Exhibition" in Damascus (organised by the Syrian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities) held in the last week of May each year. Jordan even won a prize last year for its cactus varieties.

As a result of these activities, people in Amman have become more conscious of flowers and are giving more tender care to their gardens. The art of flower arranging is burgeoning, and the healthy flush is reflected in the rising standard of the Yearly Flower Show.



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King Hussein visits Fourth Royal Mechanised Div.

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein paid a visit to the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division and met with the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, Lt. Gen. Sharif Zeid Ibn Shaker, the division commander and a number of high ranking army officers. He was briefed on training programmes and other activities.

Women adopt recommendations for Geneva

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — Participants in the five-day preparatory meeting for the Regional Conference for Women today adopted several recommendations to be included in the agenda of the Geneva conference. Among these is a call for allocating a portion of the U.N. voluntary fund for the benefit of Arab women in the occupied Arab territories. The recommendations followed a lengthy discussion of a regional plan prepared by the West Asia Economic Committee on the national and social conditions of women living under occupation.

Maths seminar ends

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — A study seminar on the modernisation and evaluation of mathematics teaching at the intermediate stages which was held at the University of Jordan ended this afternoon. During the ten-day seminar, which was organised by the Arab Organization for Education, Culture and Science in cooperation with the National Committee for Education, Culture and Science at the Jordanian Ministry of Education and the University of Jordan, a number of topics regarding the teaching of mathematics were analysed.

Bahraini group visits RSS

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — The visiting director general of the Bahraini National Oil Company and his accompanying delegation today visited the Royal Scientific Society and were briefed on its activities and achievements. During the visit, the delegation discussed with officials aspects of cooperation between the Society and Bahrain.

Information meet in Havana recommends improving news collection

HAVANA, April 18 (JNA). — The second conference of governmental council for information coordination among the non-aligned countries, at which Jordan is represented by Minister of Information Adnan Abu Ghali, today endorsed recommendations aimed at improving a joint centre for news collection and solution of communication problems. Opening the conference yesterday the Cuban vice-president stressed the importance of exchange of information among non-aligned countries. A ten-day meeting will debate several working papers by the 14 participating countries which are represented by ministers of information.

Jordanian sanitation official attends course on waste waters in U.K.

LONDON, April 18 (LPS). — Z. K. Halassa, head of the sanitation section, Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, is in the U.K. attending a course on the treatment and disposal of industrial wastewaters. He is one of four delegates from Jordanian countries Mr. Halassa is attending.

The speakers are specialists from British universities, local authorities and industry who are covering a wide variety of subjects. These include the effects of wastes on rivers, estuaries, lakes above and below ground, treatment of wastes from the food and drink industries, resin and plastic manufacture, and petroleum and pharmaceutical industries.

Methods of waste water treatment being discussed include sedimentation and chemical precipitation, biological treatment, denitrification and physico-chemical treatment. The recently introduced desalination process for waste water treatment, perfected by Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd, is being explained. This is a biological method of treating waste in deep shafts. Delegates will be able to visit a large paper products manufacturer to see the process in action.

Sludge treatment and disposal, the legal control of liquid effluents and farm waste treatment are also included in the comprehensive programme.

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South Australian P.M. arrives in Amman

AMMAN, April 18 (Agencies). — South Australia's Premier Don Dunstan arrived here today for a five day visit. The visit is in response to an invitation by Crown Prince Hassan who visited Australia late last year.

Mr. Dunstan told reporters on arrival that he was hopeful his discussions would lead to "joint undertakings between our two governments, which will assist the development and provide market outlets for South Australia in a number of areas".

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Hassan Ibrahim, received the Australian delegation early in the day and during the afternoon Mr. Dunstan visited the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jordan and the Royal Scientific Society. He also met with the Minister of Agriculture, Salah Juma.

He will visit the Jordan Valley and have further talks with



Donald Dunstan, Premier of South Australia.

ministers tomorrow a spokesman said.

After visiting Jordan Mr. Dunstan is expected to tour the Libyan Jamahiriya, Algeria, Britain, and North America during his six week absence from Australia.

Economic and Business News

France to give 50,000 francs worth of assistance to RSS department

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — The French government will grant the Department of Industrial Chemistry at the Royal Scientific Society technical assistance worth 50,000 francs, a source at the society said today. The aid will be used for the purchase of equipment for the department. The French government had previously made similar grants to the departments of research and mechanical engineering at the society.

Governors of Arab banks to meet here

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — Governors of Arab central banks will meet in Amman on June 19 to study recommendations made by central banks' experts at their meeting in Cairo late last year, sources at the Central Bank said here today. The governors will also discuss, during their week-long meetings, ways to develop Arab financial and monetary markets, the transfer of Arab capital and the establishment of Arab commercial banks.

W. Germany signs loans worth 12m. marks

AMMAN, April 18 (JNA). — According to three agreements signed here today, West Germany will grant Jordan a ten million mark loan to finance a number of projects in the country. The first agreement covers the sum of four million marks to go to the Agricultural Cooperative Association for investment in agricultural development schemes. The second will be a loan worth six million marks to the Agricultural Credit Corporation, while the third agreement is an amendment to one signed in 1970 for the supply of equipment and furniture to Al Hussein Medical City. The agreements were signed at the National Planning Council by its director, Dr. Hanna Odeh and a representative of the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW). Yet another agreement signed here today with West Germany provides for a loan of two million marks for the purchase of two cranes and other equipment to facilitate unloading operations at Aqaba Harbour. This agreement was signed at the National Planning Council by Minister of Transport Ali Suheimat and a representative of KfW.

4 Jordanian artists offer rich diversity of attitudes

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 18 — Last year he painted only in whites and browns, Kayed Amr explained; this year it is olive greens and yellows.

Mr. Amr is one of four artists exhibiting this week at the British Council. All teachers, they have exhibited as a group once before, but as Mr. Amr explained, they represent "various attitudes" to art. "I am a peasant", Mr. Amr stated with some pride, and this, he said, is why his paintings are mainly of stylised scenes from the countryside of Palestine. The figures in them are "solid" and as though portrayed in bas relief. Blunt little doves seat themselves in a number of the paintings. They are not heavily symbolic, but are there "just because," Mr. Amr said, "doves always accompany the peasant".

If Kayed Amr is busy exploring the greens, Hafiz Qassis is especially taken with blues and, as he explained, colour is the most important part of his work. Blue dominates his paintings because it is the colour of the sky (more like the sky seen through dark glasses, in fact). He places the subjects of his pictures — mainly figurative — not on the ground

but in the sky. The sky, he says, is calm. But his paintings are not. They are broken up with heavy black shadow lines and bright contrasting colours.

Salah Abu Shindi prefers muted colours. He builds them up slowly using a lot of medium with his oil or acrylic colours so as to make the thin layers of paint half transparent. His subjects are often rather violent — "Ruins" or a view

of Damour after it has been bombed out in the war. But the tenor of his work is modest and sensitive.

Mohammad Sayyed dispenses with the normal formality of naming his works and the catalogue states simply: "All the ceramic pieces in the exhibition are by Mohammad Sayyed". They come in every sort of shape. Very few are functional. "Don't put anything in my vases", he warned. Most

of the rest are inspired by things under the sea, or desert plants. In some, faces can be seen. But none of them have names, and Mr. Sayyed is not prepared to give glib interpretations. "I want people to ... he paused to scratch his head significantly. ... think."

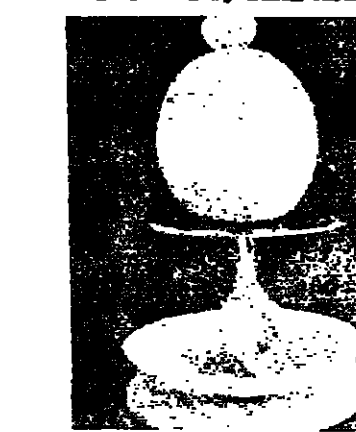
The exhibition is open to the public from nine a.m. to one p.m. and from three to seven p.m. until April 21. The works are for sale.



Two Girls by Salah Abu Shindi.



Liquorice Seller by Kayed Amr.



Two ceramic pieces by Mohammad Sayyed. The one in the rear is sitting on a potting stand.



Oriental Composition by Hafiz Qassis.

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1.000	57	1.100	1.150
* Jordan - Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	1,690	1.200	1.350
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	220	1.100	1.100
* Jordan - Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	700	1.900	2.000
National Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	3,300	8.250	8.250
** Dar Aldawa Development & Investment Co.	JD 1.000	87	1.750	1.750
Rafia Industrial Co.	JD 5.000	350	3.250	3.500
General Mining Co.	JD 1.000	100	1.000	1.000
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	549	15.650	15.700
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	390	1.250	1.250
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	75	15.000	15.050
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1.000	570	0.950	0.950
Jordan Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	1,088	0.900	0.900
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	2,010	6.700	6.700
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 1.000	667	2.100	2.100

Total volume traded, Tuesday, April 18: JD 12,378

- * 50 per cent of share capital paid.
- ** 75 per cent of share capital paid.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian fil	Buying/Selling
U.S. dollar	309.00/311.00
U.K. sterling	570.00/574.00
W. German mark	150.70/151.60
Swiss franc	162.10/163.10
French franc	67.40/67.80
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.00/36.20
Japanese yen (for every 100)	139.50/140.30
Dutch guilder	141.50/142.40
Belgian franc (for every ten)	97.10/97.70
Swedish crown	67.20/67.60

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	8:30 Arabic series	9:10 Television magazine
5:30 Quana		
5:45 Cartoons		
6:00 Partridge family		
6:15 Smiles		
7:00 Thalatha		
8:00 News in Arabic	7:30 News in Hebrew	7:45 Zoro one
10:15 Besslers	8:30 Dad's army	8:10 Duchess of Duke street
11:00 News in Arabic		
Channel 3:		
7:30 Sports and the youth	10:00 News in English	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Sign-on	14:00 News Bulletin
7:10 Morning Show	14:30 Beethoven
7:30 News Bulletin	15:00 Concert Hour
7:40 Morning Show	16:00 Pop Session
10:00 News Headlines	17:00 30 Minutes of Jazz
10:02 Morning Show	17:30 Pop Session
10:30 Khalil and Danna	18:00 News Summary
11:00 Sign-off	18:30 Jordan in History
12:00 Sign-on and News Headlines	19:00 Story Time
12:03 Pop Session	19:00 News Bulletin
13:00 News Summary	19:10 News Reports
13:03 Pop Session	19:30 Sign-off

EMERGENCIES

Doctors:	Shahred (21001)	GMT
Amman:	Kayya (25065)	02:00
Payez Jallouha (51012)		
Talib Al Faneh (21388)		
Irbid:	Amman	
Adnan Al Nasser (2415)	Amman	
Zargat:	Amman	
Abdul Kareem Al Khasas	Amman	
Taxis:	Amman	
Adnan (22320)	Amman	
Khalid (22715)	Amman	

BBC RADIO

15:00 Radio Newswest	15:15 Outlook
16:00 News: Commentary	16:15 Academy of St. Mark
16:45 World Today	17:00 News: Book Choice
17:00 News: Book Choice	17:15 Discovery
17:45 Sports Round-up	18:00 News: News about Britain
18:15 Radio Newswest	18:30 Top Twenty
19:00 Outlook: News Summary	19:20 Stock Market Report
19:30 News: 24 Hours	19:45 Golan Treasury
20:00 How to be a Musician	20:20 Meet the Composer
21:00 Report on Religion	21:15 Soccer Special
21:30 Akemi Korner	21:35 Financial News
22:00 News: World Today	22:35 Book Choice: Reflections
22:45 Sports Round-up	23:00 News: Commentary
23:00 World Radio Club	23:05 World Radio Club
23:30 Matthew on Music	

VOICE OF AMERICA

02:00 The Breakfast Show	Words and their Stories, Feature: Short Stories, News Summary
06:30 to the hour and 28 min.	Country Music USA
06:30 After each hour, Regional and Topical	News and Topical Reports
06:30 Paperbacks	18:00 Letters from Listeners
06:45 News: 24 Hours	18:30 Special English: News
06:45 News: 24 Hours	19:00 Words and their Stories
17:00 News	19:00 USA (Jazz)
17:15 This Week	19:00 GMT: News, etc.
17:20 Press Conference USA	
18:00 Special English: News	

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
7:30 Cairo (EA)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
7:55 Doha, Kuwait	8:55 Cairo (EA)
8:10 Doha (AZ)	9:00 Beirut
8:25 Muscat, Doha (RJ-GF)	9:00 Rome (AZ)
9:00 Jeddah	9:20 Aqaba
10:35 Laraca (CY)	10:15 Athens, Amsterdam
11:15 Beirut	11:20 Laraca (CY)
11:30 Kuwait (KAC)	11:30 Athens, Benghazi
16:50 Jeddah (SDI)	12:00 London
17:15 Amsterdam, Geneva	12:30 Kuwait (KAC)
18:45 Cairo	13:00 Cairo
20:00 Cairo (Fat.)	15:00 Cairo (Ext.)
20:00 Beirut (MEA)	18:15 Jeddah (SDI)
20:30 Beirut, Athens	20:00 Abu Dhabi, Dubai (RJ-GF)
21:15 Frankfurt, Munich, Damascus (LH)	
21:40 London (BA)	
01:00 Rome (AZ)	

CULTURAL CENTRES (Amman)

American Centre	Tel. 41520
British Council	36147-8
French Cultural Centre	37000
Goethe Institute	41983
Soviet Cultural Centre	42028
Raya Arts Centre	69195
Hussain Youth City	35341
Y.W.C.A.	41789
Y.W.M.C.A.	64551
Amman Municipal Library	36111
University of Jordan Library	65111
Citadel Museum	36191
Folklore Museum	36191

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Amman)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	24394-4
Fire headquarters	22080
First aid, fire, police	14
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	36341-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	37111-3
Police headquarters	39141
Najdah roving patrol rescue police (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	21111, 37111
Airport information (Alia)	55245
Jordan Television	71111
Radio, English Section	74124

CULTURAL CENTRES (Damascus)

Al Haura Theatre	Tel. 236-448
Al Shih Art Gallery	228-527
American Centre	552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	333-727
Deutsche Demokratische Republik Cultural Centre	332-992
French Cultural Centre	336-894
Kabbani Theatre	222-016
National Museum	114-654
Soviet Cultural Centre	228-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	334-603
Umlan Art Gallery	111-318

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS (Damascus)

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 90
Chamber of Commerce	228-527
Electric Power Co. (emergency)	333-727
Fire headquarters	91
Information	95/97
Municipal water service	113-800
Time (in Arabic)	90

Jubilation overcomes Wall Street as share prices keep going up

NEW YORK, April 18 (R). — Dealers on Wall Street were jubilant today after a record-breaking buying spree sent share prices rocketing for two consecutive sessions. They said that, although the buying explosion would probably level out, they expected the market to continue to rise for the rest of the week.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average of 30 of the largest U.S. corporations closed last night at 810.12, up around 35 points from its opening level last Friday.

The 63.5 million shares traded yesterday set a new volume record for the New York Stock Exchange, surpassing the 52.28 million total on Friday.

Analysts said the sudden enthusiasm by share-buyers was in part a natural response after a stagnant winter when the economy endured harsh weather, poor sales and a long coal strike.

President Carter had evidently

had an impact on business confidence when he took a firm stand against wage and price controls last week, they said.

Analysts also said they thought foreign interest had been attracted to the market by the slowly-stabilising dollar.

Improved car sales and a favourable government report on industrial production contributed to the optimism.

Although both Friday and yesterday saw new peaks for volume of shares traded, the analysts noted that the number of share units exchanged were not records. This indic-

ated that the big financial institutions such as banks or pension funds were buying large blocks of shares.

Financier Cornfeld to be jailed

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (R). — A judge has overruled a plea by financier Bernard Cornfeld that a three-month prison sentence imposed on him for avoiding payment on long-distance telephone calls was unduly harsh.

Cornfeld was given the prison sentence in September 1976 for defrauding a telephone company out of \$7,600 by using an electronic device known as a "blue box" on his phone to make free calls to Europe.

He appealed against the sentence and was released on bail.

But yesterday U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne ordered Cornfeld, 50, to begin serving the sentence on May 8.

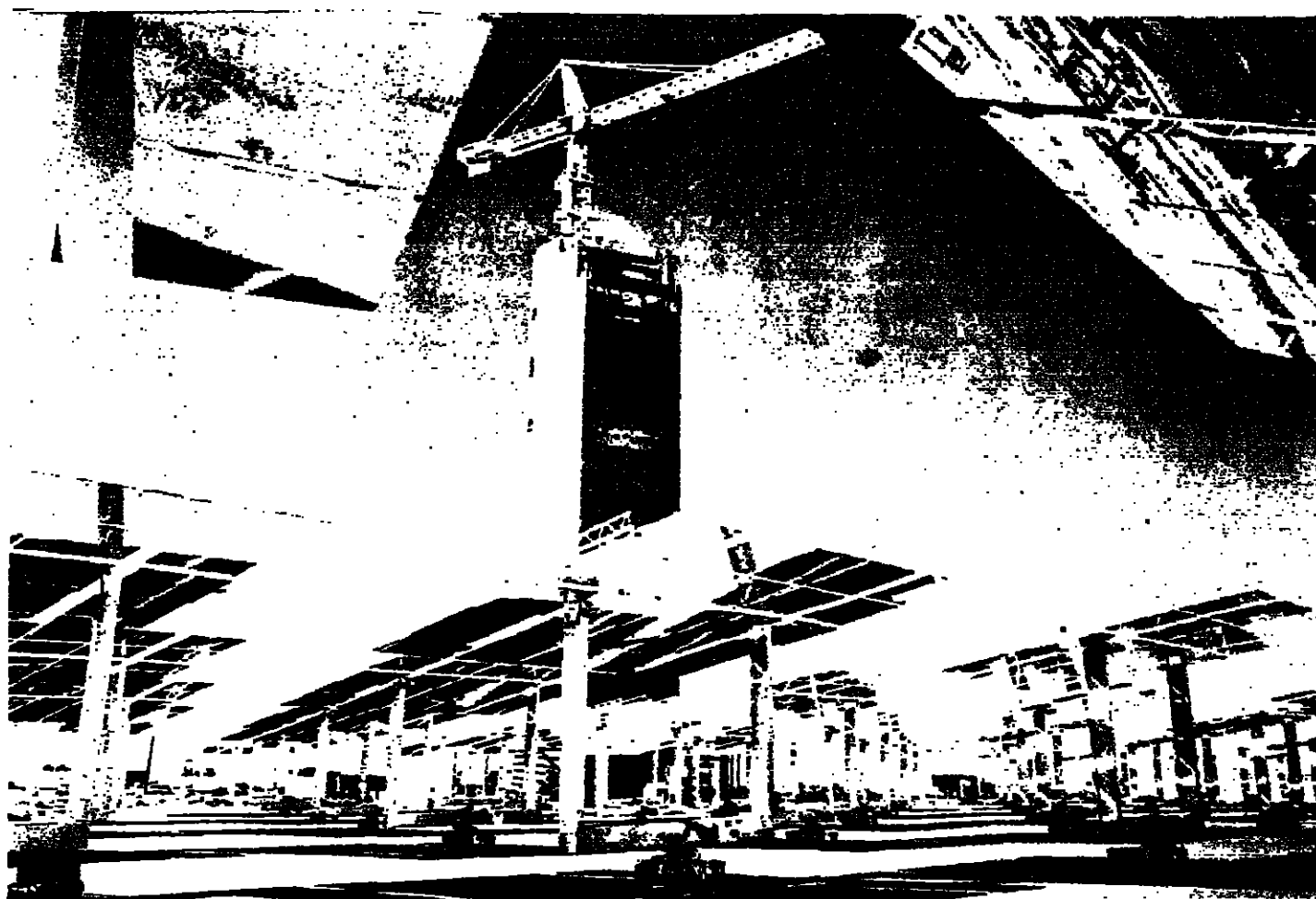
The portly, balding Cornfeld told the judge: "My place in history has been assured in the sense that the world generally knows I've been convicted of defrauding the phone company."

Cornfeld served a brief term in a Swiss jail in 1970 for alleged fraud in the collapse of his Geneva-based Investors Overseas Ltd, an international mutual fund investment company. But he has not yet gone on trial in Switzerland on that charge.

Judge Byrne yesterday gave Cornfeld the three-week delay in starting his sentence so he could appear at a bail reduction hearing in a Swiss court.

His lawyer, Margaret Ugar- te, said the financier's once lavish life-style had changed dramatically since his conviction here. Cornfeld was known for throwing expensive parties at his Hollywood Hills home with lots of pretty girls

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A 60-metre-tall tower is constructed over a field of some 5,500 mirrors at the U.S. Solar Thermal Test Facility near Albuquerque, New Mexico. Focussed sunlight converts water in the central structure to steam, driving conventional turbine generators to produce electricity. The project, largest of its type in the world, was developed by Sandia (Laboratories for the U.S. Energy Research and Development Administration. (IPS photo)

Somali president signs economic accord with China

PEKING, April 18 (R). — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre left for home today after his country signed an economic and technical cooperation agreement with China.

The president, who arrived in Peking on Friday, left on a special Boeing 707 of China's civil airline and was seen off by Vice Premiers Li Hsien-

Nien and Keng Piao, Foreign Minister Huang Hua, other leaders and hundreds of dancing youngsters.

The agreement was signed this morning by Ahmad Habib Ahmad, Chairman of the State Planning Commission of the Somali Revolutionary Socialist Party's Central Committee, China was represented by Cheng Fei, Vice Minister of Eco-

nomical Relations with Foreign Countries.

No details of the agreement were announced.

Mr. Li had told the president at a farewell banquet last night that "it is China's bounden proletarian internationalist duty to give the Somali people some modest aid within its capability."

President Siad Barre said last night that his talks in Peking had been filled with mutual understanding and "further consolidated the excellent relations existing between our two countries."

He said he would always remain grateful to China "for its effective contribution to the progress of the Somali people."

Non-aligned news pool resolved to break hold of big world agencies

HAVANA, April 18 (R). — Non-aligned countries are trying to "break the international monopoly of the great news agencies," Cuba's vice president in charge of foreign affairs said yesterday.

Mr. Carlos Rafael Rodriguez was addressing ministers and information officials from more than 20 countries, who are taking part in the inter-governmental council for the coordination of information from non-aligned countries.

During the next two days the group will discuss progress towards a common news pool, cooperation in telecommunications and the political implications of mass communications.

Opening the conference, Mr. Rodriguez said the pool of information shared by non-aligned countries was having slow but growing success in breaking what he said was the international monopoly of the great news agencies.

"Together with an avalanche of lies, of grotesque distortions of our reality, of subtle twisting, are appearing, modestly but persistently, the news, interpretations and corrections of our coordinated agencies," he said.

The council's President, Mr. Mustapha Masmoudi of Tunisia, said their aim should be to remedy "the flagrant imbalance which controls the flow of information in the world."

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES LONDON MARKET REPORT

LONDON, (R). — Following the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of interbank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	1.8448/55	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0475/85	West German marks
	2.1800/20	Dutch guilders
	1.9070/85	Swiss francs
	31.43/86	Belgian francs
	4.5950/6000	French francs
	80/-20/70	Italian lire
	221.50/222.00	Japanese yen
	4.5960/70	Swedish crowns
	5.3780/810	Norwegian crowns
	5.6250/80	Danish crowns

Equities closed higher in light trading on a technical reaction Tuesday following the advance on Wall Street yesterday, while government bonds firmed slightly, dealers said. At 15:00 hrs, the F.T. index was up 9.3 at 456.0.

However, gold shares fell by up to 1-1/4 dls. in line with the lower bullion price. U.S. and Canadian shares showed small net gains. The investment dollar premium lost ground on profit-taking after firming sharply initially, dealers said.

Hawker Siddeley rose by 10p initially but slipped back to show a net gain of 2-1/2p at 190p following announcement of lower than expected 1977 profits. Glaxo gained 10p to 527-1/2p while other leading industrial issues rose by up to 6p. Among firmer oil shares, B.P. rose by 10p to 768p while Royal Dutch lost 7p to 354-1/2p.

Price of gold closed in London Tuesday at \$173.50/oz.

Israel may join European football union

ISTANBUL, April 18 (R).

Israel's prospective membership of the European Football Union (UEFA) is expected to be discussed at the UEFA Annual Congress here on Saturday, a top Turkish soccer official has said.

Mr. Oguz Oken, Secretary General of the Turkish Football Federation, yesterday said several UEFA members were involved in moves to admit Israel after its expulsion from the Asian Football Federation (AFC).

The AFC expelled Israel in 1976 after several countries had refused to play against it. But the International Football Federation (FIFA) did not recognise the decision and called on the AFC to reverse it.

Israel eventually left the AFC last October to ease the tension caused by its membership.

Mr. Oken said yesterday that Israel's admission to UEFA would require a change in the UEFA constitution to allow a non-European nation to join.

Both the change in the rules and Israel's membership were likely to be raised during the one-day congress, but the agenda had yet to be finalised, he said.

UEFA President Antonio Franchi of Italy is due to be re-appointed for another term, but five seats on the ten-member executive committee will be open for election.

About 150 delegates from all UEFA's member countries are expected to attend Saturday's meeting.

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Your DAILY HOROSCOPE

from the CARROLL RICHTER INSTITUTE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Much confusion exists now regarding a specific course of action concerning a situation on a distance. Be sure to double-check facts and do not act hastily.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Organize work well before-hand for best results. Improve health so that you have more vitality.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Keep busy at your work that you have more time to spend at amusements with loved ones. Don't include the troublemakers in your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Study the home situation and do what you can to improve it. A good time to start a new project. Make good use of your time.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Drive with care that you make business calls, visit with pals safely. Let at the reason why a partner is irate and correct.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Anything of a financial nature may seem difficult to handle but you suddenly are inspired and all works out fine. Attend to needed home repairs.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You find it difficult to gain the favor of a friend now, but another day all is fine. Get into the right social circle where you can enjoy a worthwhile group affair.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Personal matters are difficult to handle early but later you get fine results. Get together with loved one and come to good understanding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have to be more objective if you are to solve a problem with a good pal. Try to please that small group you like.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The situation with legions and outsiders can be rather difficult right now, but see above tendency. A public matter can be annoying at first, but later works out to your benefit.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Gather more information concerning a new project before you sink your money and energy into it. Don't be so naive with a newcomer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Don't put off any longer owing over your accounts and paying bills, making collections. A loved one is in a poor mood but take this in stride.

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The lure of the pipes was never stronger

Two hundred and thirty years ago it was made illegal in Scotland to possess the piob mhor, the great Highland bagpipe. Today there is no such threat to its extinction; on the contrary, such august institutions as the College of Piping in Glasgow are busy producing not merely players but instructors too.

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LONDON, (LPS) — When Doctor Johnson undertook his famous journey to the Western Isles of Scotland and found himself entertained at Dunvegan Castle on the Isle of Skye, he not only enjoyed "beating the ground with prodigious force" to the dance music of the MacCrimmons, hereditary pipers to the MacLeods of Dunvegan, but also owned himself impressed by what he called the "college of pipers" which had been maintained at Boreiraig from the turn of the 14th century. It scarcely needs saying that at this enterprise was far removed in physical terms from the modern idea of a college as a substantial building generously staffed and equipped and run for the benefit of a wide range of students.

Sea caves as practice rooms Boreiraig was a simple master-and-apprentice establishment involving the traditional seven years' residence during which the indentured pupil assiduously practised and progressively mastered the art of playing — and, hopefully, composing — for the difficult instruments with its chanter, three drones and its strange sounding version of the pen-

tatonic scale.

The practice rooms were the resonant sea caves near Dunvegan where the excellent acoustics and soundproofing were designed by nature. After qualifying as a master piper (piobair barrachite) in his own right each student would return to play in the service of his own chieftain in some other part of Scotland. For almost two centuries Boreiraig remained the cradle and the nursery of the art.

Today that function belongs to Glasgow where some 30 years ago a modern College of Piping was begun by two enthusiasts, one of whom, Seamus MacNeill, is the present director.

It was founded solely to promote interest and expertise in the art of playing the piob mhor, or the great Highland Bagpipe, an art which is happily no longer in danger of extinction as it certainly was when the college of the MacCrimmons died with the suppression of the Highland culture which followed the final Jacobite defeat in 1745.

Although possession of the piob mhor became illegal along with the wearing of the tartan, those pipers who cared most about their art seem largely to have evaded capture by taking to the hills and playing, one supposes, to the

sheep. At any rate the Piobaireachd (which is to say the classical music of the bagpipe), not to mention the "little music", the Ceol beag, the marches, reels and strathspeys, were somehow kept alive through the most difficult times.

Boost to recruitment

Then it became fashionable for the imported English gentry to emulate the Highland chieftains in wearing the kilt and supporting a piper or two among their dependants. Moreover, the recruitment of the new Highland regiments was boosted by the formation of the regimental pipe bands. Even today it is not unknown for an essentially peace loving youth to join the army solely for the chance to play the pipes.

The hub of the piping world is located behind an oddly domestic looking stone frontage in a narrow street, with a staff of instructors all but one of whom is employed part time as much of the teaching takes place in the evenings. The interest and the activity generated, however, are extremely far flung.

Not local, not even national, but truly international, the College of Piping is influential out of all proportion to its physical size. Its principal aim is training pipers of all ages, nationalities and walks of life, and training instructors. Another important function is that of maintaining standards — of proficiency through examination and competition, and of manufacture of the instrument through the college's Seal of Approval, which is



An instructor at the College of Piping, Glasgow, Scotland, shows a pupil how to tune the pipes.

coveted by all reputable bagpipe makers.

It is here in an atmosphere which smacks more of the clubroom than the classroom and in the company of others of like enthusiasm, that would be pipers, young and old, nowadays male and female, come from far and wide. Many, naturally, are from Glasgow and the west of Scotland, but not a few travel from overseas and in particular from Canada and the United States of America, staying for two months to as many years.

Summer schools are organized not only in Scotland — from Three to the Black Isle and, aptly enough, at Boreiraig where it all started centuries ago — but also farther afield when teachers from the college make regular trips to enthusiastic centres from No-

va Scotia ("There," says one burly instructor, "we really have to be on our toes, the standard is so high") and Ontario to New York and Idaho.

A master piper

The college director, Seamus MacNeill, a senior lecturer in natural philosophy at Glasgow University, and himself a master piper who was taught by his uncle the famous Blind Piper, Archie MacNeill of Gigha, is undoubtedly the prime mover in the enterprise since the co-founder Thomas Pearson retired some years ago.

Under his guidance the college has grown in influence, collaborating with the Army School of Piping at Edinburgh Castle and the Piobaireachd

Society to form the Institute of Piping, now the recognised governing body.

A quietly spoken Glasgow highlander, Mr MacNeill has written a scholarly treatise on the Piobaireachd and edits the monthly Piping Times, as well as being part author of the standard Tutor for the Highland Bagpipe which sells in increasing thousands each year.

He is no stranger to either the concert or the lecture platform or, for that matter, the recording and broadcasting studio. Indeed, the inscription in Gaelic which is set into the cairn commemorating the MacCrimmons at Boreiraig might justifiably be repeated above the unpretentious door in Orango Street, Glasgow: Lenalaid an Oibre Iad — The Work Carries On.

World investors rush for the Krugerrand

Grim old Paul Kruger, who fought to keep the world out of the Transvaal, could never have guessed that his face would one day appear on one of the world's most sought-after coins — the Krugerrand. "An ounce of pure love," the American ads call it. Kruger would have shuddered.

By Bernard Simon

JOHANNESBURG, (F.T.) — President Paul Kruger, the flat-earthist leader of the Transvaal boer republic at the turn of the century, could never have dreamed that his name would become synonymous with one of the world's most sought-after investments and a major prop of South Africa's balance of payments.

The Krugerrand — a 35 mm coin containing exactly one fine

ounce of 22 carat South African gold — is now the world's most popular gold coin. In the past eight years it has notched up sales of over 17.5m, and has earned South Africa more than R2,000m (\$1-R1.65) in foreign exchange.

Rise in demand

The recent surge in the bullion price has lifted demand for Krugers to new highs. Last year 3.3m coins were sold (more

than 95 per cent of them outside South Africa), compared with 3m, the previous year and 4.8m, in 1975, the year in which imports of gold coins to the U.K. were stopped.

Almost half of 1977's sales, however, were recorded in the final quarter of the year, and by January 1978 offshore had leapt to an all-time monthly record of 669,000 coins. With the gold price well over \$170 an ounce, these sales grossed R100m, four times as much as earnings in January 1977.

"Krugerrand demand is going berserk", Don Mackay-Coghill, Manager of the International Gold Corporation (Intergold), the marketing arm of the South African Chamber of Mines, exclaimed in January. So much so that the mint's output of

Krugers has soared from 11 per cent of South Africa's total gold production a year ago to almost one-third.

There were real fears at one stage that the mint, which can strike only about 600,000 coins a month, would not be able to cope. Since the New Year frenzy however, sales have eased slightly, totalling 564,000 last month — yet even that figure is seven times higher than of-fake in February 1977.

Big German market

The main markets for Krugers are West Germany, where about half of the past 10 years' production has been sold, and since gold ownership was legalised three years ago, the U.S. Intergold reckons that

about two out of every 100 Germans own a Krugerrand. Among the reasons for its success in Germany are that Intergold's main distributors are two of the country's best-known banks, Deutsche Bank and Bayerische Landesbank; and that the Krugerrand is recognised as legal tender by the South African Reserve Bank. This not only improves the coin's acceptability to investors, but also exempts it from the 11 per cent value-added tax applicable in Germany to bullion sales.

In the U.S. Intergold currently spends about \$4m a year on a sophisticated Krugerrand publicity campaign. It seems many Americans have been convinced that, as the ads put it, "an ounce of pure love" is worth buying — the U.S. last year overtook Germany as Intergold's best customer.

Intergold's import agents in the U.S. are J. Aron Precious Metals, Moccatta Metals and Republic National Bank, who pass the coins on to dealers, department stores and other retailers. There is a Gold Information Centre on New York's Fifth Avenue, and plans are afoot to open a gold-oriented library soon.

A few Krugers have also been sold in Hong Kong, where they have been marketed as "Impalas", a dual reference to a well-known South African buck and the Chevrolet Impalas which are a status symbol among the colony's wealthy Chinese.

Obstacles

Intergold is also taking a close look at the Belgian and Saudi Arabian markets, though political difficulties with Saudi Arabia may prompt it to replace the Krugerrand with a one ounce gold bar.

The South Africans have not had things all their own way. Protests from vociferous anti-apartheid groups in the U.S. have led to some T.V. and radio stations refusing to screen Krugerrand commercials while several distributors, including Merrill Lynch and Continental Illinois Bank, have stopped selling the coins. Major Dutch banks have also agreed not to publicise Krugers.

Elsewhere in Europe outside Germany, legal and psychological obstacles have hindered Intergold's efforts. For instance, in France foreign gold coins may only be sold if they are minted in the country; imports of gold coins into the U.K. have been banned for the past three years; and the Swiss tend to prefer their own currency to gold.

Limited local sales

Ironically, few people find it more difficult to get hold of Krugerrands than South Africans. Partly to maximise foreign currency earnings and partly to restrict residents' ability to move their assets out of the country, the Pretoria government decided in mid-1974 to limit local sales in favour of overseas distribution. As a result only about 100,000 coins are put on the domestic market each year. They are distributed through commercial banks, whose customers wait up to two-and-a-half years to buy a single coin, although not surprisingly there is a strong suspicion that some are able to muscle their way to the head of the queue. So eager are some South Africans to lay their hands on a few gold coins that it is not unknown for them specially to open accounts at those bank branches with the shortest Krugerrand waiting lists!

South Africans also pay more than foreign buyers for their coins. The banks charge a hefty 15 per cent premium on the ruling gold price, compared with the 5 to 11 per cent mark-up in Europe and the U.S. The scarcity of Krugerrands at the banks has prompted a brisk "secondhand" trade on a dozen coin exchanges and even an unofficial market on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Buying through these indirect channels can cost up to a third more than the intrinsic gold value of the Krugerrand, but since it is estimated that the banks could sell half a million coins a year if they were freely available, there is no shortage of customers even at the higher prices.

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